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1956—Monthly benefits are provided to disabled workers aged 50–64 and to disabled children (aged 18 or older) of retired or deceased workers.

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 Bed—The requirement that a worker must be at least 50 years of age to be eligible for disability benefits is elimina
1968—Benefits for disabled widow(er)s aged 50 or clder are enacted.
1972—Medicare coverage is extended to Disability Insurance beneficiaries after 24 months of entitlement, and the
Supplemental Security Income program is established. 1977—A new benefit formula is introduced that "decouples" the cost-of-living adjustment from wage increases in an effort to control spiraling Social Security program costs.

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1954—Social Security Amendments of 1954 establish the disability "freeze."

1958—Benefits are established for the dependents of disabled workers.

1980—Social Security Amendments of 1980 place a cap on family ber disability reviews, and create work incentives.



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